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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1637**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/942,588)	
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Filed: August 31, 2001)	
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For: SCREENING METHOD FOR)	
GENE VARIATION	:	February 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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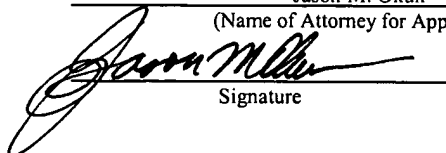
A. Introductory Comments

In response to the final Office Action dated November 19, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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